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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS RUGG )  
SERIAL NO: 09/527,066 ) GROUP ART UNIT  
FILED: March 17, 2000 ) 3727  
FOR: BAG FOR CARRYING A BALL ) EXAMINER  
STEPHEN P. GARBE )

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10,  
enclosed are:

(1) AMENDMENT;

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Date of Signing: April 9, 2004

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Date of Mailing: April 9, 2004

- (2) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF;
- (3) Check in the amount of \$475.00 paying the Small Entity Petition Fee for a three (3) month extension due under 37 CFR Section 1.17(a)(3); and
- (5) Postcard.

We respectfully request a filing date of April 9, 2004, the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

Respectfully submitted,

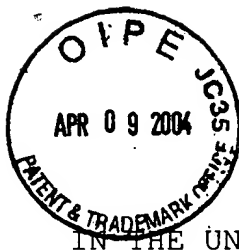


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Dear Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This AMENDMENT is responsive to a Non-final Office Action dated December 30, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period

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for response to this action to one (1) month from the date thereof requiring a response to be filed on or before January 30, 2004.

Pursuant to a Petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), concurrently filed herewith, together with the fee required under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3), the undersigned elects to extend the response date three (3) months from January 30, 2004 to April 30, 2004.